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Open Dump Definitions

Open Dump Clean Up Act

- Indian Lands Open Dump Clean Up Act of 1994 defines the term “open dump” as:
SEC. 3 [25 U.S.C. 3902] Definitions, (7) Open dump.-- “any facility or site where solid waste is disposed of which is not a sanitary landfill which meets the criteria promulgated under section 6944 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act 42 (U.S.C.6941) and which is not a facility for disposal of hazardous waste.”
- The Indian Health Services lists open dumps that meet this criteria "A point location for disposal of solid waste used in an intentional, repetitive manner by multiple families

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

- §Section 6903 of RCRA defines an open dump as; any facility or site where solid waste is disposed of which is not a sanitary landfill which meets the criteria promulgated under section 6944 of this title and which is not a facility for the disposal of hazardous waste.
- § CFR 240.101 defines an open dump as: “Open dump means a land disposal site at which solid wastes are disposed of in a manner that does not protect the environment, are susceptible to open burning, and are exposed to the elements, disease vectors, and scavengers”.
- EPA Tribal Decision Maker’s Guide to Solid Waste Management defines an open dump as; An uncovered site used for disposal of waste without environmental controls. Under RCRA, any site receiving waste that does not comply with the Subtitle D municipal solid waste standards.

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OBJECTIVE 3.1: PRESERVE LAND

By 2008, Reduce adverse effects to land by reducing waste generation, increasing recycling and ensuring proper management of waste and petroleum products at facilities in ways that prevent releases.

Sub-objective 3.1.3: Increase Tribal Waste Capacity

Through 2011, reduce pollution on Tribal lands by improving waste management practices and closing open dumps.

Strategic Target 1: By 2011, increase by 25% the number of Tribes covered by an integrated waste management plan that has been approved by an appropriate governing body.

Strategic Target 2: By 2011, close, clean up or upgrade 200 open dumps in Indian country and other tribal lands.